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21st Annual Theresa Humes Hockey Tournament
"The Best in Women's Hockey"
Jan. 27-29 - Loyola Arena

<u>PARTICIPATING TEAMS:</u>	University of New Hampshire	Concordia
	St. Lawrence University	Bishop's
	Providence College	Laval
	John Abbott College	McMaster

The most prestigious Women's hockey event in Canada takes place January 27-29 at Loyola Arena. The 21st edition of the tournament features some of the best teams in the N.C.A.A. and Canada. The **Concordia Stingers**, currently undefeated in Canada, will be joined by two of the **top U.S. teams - Providence** and the **University of New Hampshire**.

The Stingers will be led by two time tournament M.V.P. **Therese Brisson** (D.D.O., Que.). Brisson, who has 19-18-37 in 12 games, will have plenty of help in the scoring department this year. Talented newcomers **Laura Leslie** (Beaconsfield, Que.) has 14-18-32 in 13 contests while John Abbott Islander graduate **Debbie Woods-Turner** (Dorval, Que.) has added 6-12-18. Concordia will also count on **Nancy Moore** (Pierrefonds, Que.) for her leadership and scoring touch (11-10-21). The Stingers lost to eventual **N.C.A.A. Champion Northeastern** in last year's tournament final by a 5-4 count.

Concordia will have several formidable opponents this year as Providence, U.N.H. and St. Lawrence are all very good teams. Providence has one of the bigger teams in the N.C.A.A. and sport a 9-1 record thus far. Senior Captain **Heather Linstad** (5-14-19) leads a fine cast of veterans and rookies. The Friars also possess, **Kelly O'Leary**, who is said to have the **hardest shot** in hockey. She finished second in team scoring (24-24-48) from her defence position last year.

U.N.H. Coach **Russ McCurdy** has proven to be one of the most successful coaches in the N.C.A.A. With a career record of **201-20-6** and two N.C.A.A. Championships under his belt, his Wildcats are always a team to watch. They are currently 7-2 in the E.C.A.C. while boasting three outstanding Canadians. Forward **Andria Hunter** (Peterborough, Ont.) has led the team in scoring the last two seasons. The Dean's list student is also off to a good start this year with 21 points in 8 games. She is joined by fellow Canucks **Karen Akre** (Prince Albert, Sask.) and **Dawn Harris** (Peterborough, Ont.). Akre is currently third in team scoring with 14 points.

The **St. Lawrence University Saints** are one of the up and coming teams in the tough E.C.A.C. They are led by **Lisa Arcand** (Prescott, Ont.) who has 14 points in her team's 9 games. The Saints will tune up for the tournament with games against Dartmouth and Northeastern.

Among the Canadian entries; **Bishop's**, **John Abbott College** and **Laval** are all proven teams in the Q.W.I.H.L. All three teams are in a fight for second place behind the Stingers.

The **McMaster Marauders** have had one of the best hockey programs in Ontario for years. Head Coach **Lois Cole**, now in her fifth season, faces a rebuilding year after leading her team for the **1988 Provincial final**.

Tournament play begins Friday, Jan. 27 as Concordia faces St. Lawrence at 2:00 p.m.